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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of claims:**

Claims 1-18 (cancelled).

Claim 19 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article, characterized by applying a water-repellent film-coating composition onto a substrate surface and drying it, wherein the water-repellent film-coating composition is composed of a thoroughly hydrolyzable silane compound, a silane compound with a water-repellent group, an acid and a compound of at least one metal selected from the group consisting of magnesium, calcium, strontium and boron.

Claim 20 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 19, wherein said drying is carried out at room temperature.

Claim 21 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 19, wherein said drying is carried out in an atmosphere at 40% relative humidity or lower.

Claim 22 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 19, wherein said drying is followed by heating at a temperature of from room temperature up to 300°C.

Claim 23 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 19, wherein said drying is followed by heating at a temperature of from room temperature up to 150°C.

Claim 24 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 19 wherein the substrate is glass.

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Claim 25 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 19, wherein alcohol is used as the solvent.

Claim 26 (new) A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 19, wherein the thoroughly hydrolyzable silane compound is a tetraalkoxysilane or tetrachlorosilane.

Claim 27 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 19, wherein said acid is hydrochloric acid, nitric acid, acetic acid, formic acid or trifluoroacetic acid.

Claim 28 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article, characterized by applying a water-repellent film-coating composition onto a substrate surface and drying it, wherein the water-repellent film-coating composition is composed of:

- (A) a thoroughly hydrolyzable silane compound or its hydrolysate at 0.01-2 wt% (based on SiO<sub>2</sub>),
- (B) a silane compound with a water-repellent group at 0.00001-0.15 wt% (based on  $SiO_2$ ),
  - (C) an acid at 0.001-3 N,
- (D-1) a magnesium and/or calcium compound at a molar ratio of 0.01-0.4, based on MgO and CaO, with respect to said silane compound (A) (based on SiO<sub>2</sub>),
- (D-2) a boron and/or zirconium compound at a molar ratio of 0.01-0.4, based on  $BO_{3/2}$  and  $ZrO_2$ , with respect to said silane compound (A) (based on  $SiO_2$ ),
- (E) a compound of at least one of metal selected from the group consisting of cobalt, iron, nickel, copper, aluminum, gallium, indium, scandium, yttrium, lanthanum, cerium and zinc at a molar ratio of 0-0.4, based on CoO, FeO<sub>3/2</sub>, NiO<sub>2</sub>, CuO, AlO<sub>3/2</sub>, GaO<sub>3/2</sub>, InO<sub>3/2</sub>, ScO<sub>3/2</sub>, YO<sub>3/2</sub>, LaO<sub>3/2</sub> CeO<sub>3/2</sub> and ZnO, with respect to said silane compound (A) (based on SiO<sub>2</sub>), and
  - (F) water at 0-20 wt%.

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Claim 29 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 28, wherein said drying is carried out at room temperature.

Claim 30 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 28, wherein said drying is carried out in an atmosphere at 40% relative humidity or lower.

Claim 31 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 28, wherein said drying is followed by heating at a temperature of from room temperature up to 300°C.

Claim 32 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 28, wherein said drying is followed by heating at a temperature of from room temperature up to 150°C.

Claim 33 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 28 wherein the substrate is glass.

Claim 34 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 28, wherein alcohol is used as the solvent.

Claim 35 (new) A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 28, wherein the thoroughly hydrolyzable silane compound (A) is a tetraalkoxysilane or tetrachlorosilane.

Claim 36 (new): A process for preparation of a water-repellent film-coated article according to claim 28, wherein said acid is hydrochloric acid, nitric acid, acetic acid, formic acid or trifluoroacetic acid.